



Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission 2014 Voter Guide District 4

For Neighborhood Representative Members on the City's Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission

Voter Guide prepared by the Neighborhood
and Community Relations Department.

Voter's Guides are available online:

[http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/boards
/ncec/WCMS1P-122610](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/boards/ncec/WCMS1P-122610).

District 4 Neighborhoods:

Audubon Park
Beltrami
Bottineau
Columbia Park
Holland
Logan Park
Marcy Holmes
Marshall Terrace
Nicollet Island/East Bank
Northeast Park
Sheridan
St. Anthony East
St. Anthony West
Waite Park
Windom Park

[See the NCEC District Map](#) (pdf)

As part of the neighborhood election process to elect 4 neighborhood representatives on to the City's Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC), applicants interested in serving were asked to respond to the following statements on their applications to be used in the Voter's Guide:

- ❖ How have your life/work/cultural experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative on the NCEC?
- ❖ How have you participated in your neighborhood organization?
- ❖ Describe why you want to serve on the NCEC.
- ❖ How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent, if elected?
- ❖ How do you plan to engage with under-represented groups within your district?
- ❖ Please list any community-based organization(s) with which you are currently involved.
- ❖ Please list all current paid and unpaid affiliations.

Candidates for District 4:

(To quickly navigate to a candidate's information, hold Ctrl and left click on candidate's name)

[Doron Clark](#)

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The City-wide meeting to elect five neighborhood Commissioners will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm at the Crown Roller Mill Building:

City-Wide Election for Districts 2, 4, 6 & 8

Thursday, June 12, 2014

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Crown Roller Mill

105 5th Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55401

[\(Click here for a MAP and DIRECTIONS\)](#)

The building is ADA accessible. If any special accommodations are needed, please contact 612-673-3163.

All votes must be cast on June 12, 2014

If you have any questions about the elections for Districts 2, 4, 6 and 8 or the Voter's Guides, please feel free to call Howard Blin, 612-673-3163. You can also find more information on our website at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/boards/nccec/WCMS1P-122610>.

Doron Clark: (Pages 2-3)

1. How have your life/work/cultural experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative on the NCEC?

A common thread in my volunteer activities is a focus on increasing citizen empowerment and engagement. During my 5 years on the NCEC, much of my effort has focused on ensuring that neighborhood organization capacity could be maintained to allow neighborhoods to focus on engagement and not funding concerns.

I will continue work to ensure that the NCEC focuses on removing the hurdles citizens experience when working to improve their neighborhoods.

2. How have you participated in your neighborhood organization?

As an active member of WPCiA, I have served in a variety of roles:

- Member: NRP Phase II Implementation Committee: 2012-current
- Chair: NRP Phase II Planning Committee (2011-2012)
- President (Co-): 2004-2009
- Founding Chair – Tree Task Force (2004-present)
 - Organized neighbors to respond to Dutch Elm Disease
 - Developed master plan and implemented development of community garden at “Grassy Knoll” (Johnson & 35W)
 - Converted focus to broader greening focus.
- Chair – Stinson Task Force (2008-2009)
 - Organized neighbors to respond to proposed changes on Stinson Parkway
- Member – NRP Phase I review committee

3. Describe why you want to serve on the NCEC.

The work of the NCEC has begun to mature and can now expand beyond our initial focus of stabilizing funding and program development. My focus over the next two years will be to expand access to all residents to the city processes so more people are invested in the decisions made to build and improve Minneapolis

Neighborhood groups need to continue to work to ensure that all constituencies are considered when creating engagement strategies. In District 4, we’re seeing more examples of neighborhoods intentionally investing time and resources into engaging historically underrepresented. I want to

4. How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent, if elected?

I’ll maintain relationships with neighborhoods three ways:

1. Email contact – periodic emailed updates;
2. Surveying – during discussions of key topics, I’ll survey neighborhoods to engage their involvement;
3. In person – as invited, I will attend neighborhood meetings to provide updates and seek input.

Through each of these venues, I commit to listen to the many voices in my neighborhoods.

5. How do you plan to engage with under-represented groups within your district?

Minneapolis and most of its neighborhood and community groups need to improve how they engage under-represented groups. We need to find ways to share best practices for engaging under-represented groups. All organizations will likely be able to quickly learn from their peers and make simple changes that will increase the engagement of all groups in Minneapolis.

6. Please list any community-based organization(s) with which you are currently involved.

Stinson Parkway Conservancy
Windom Park Citizens in Action
Northeast United Methodist Church
SD 60 DFL

7. Please list all current paid and unpaid affiliations.

Employer: Target Corporation
Volunteer Associations: Big Brother Big Sister of the Twin Cities – Big Brother, Programming Committee
Hamline University: Trustee
Senate District 60 DFL: Director
Mill City Running: Race Team Coordinator